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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 6 January Meeting with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee

Frank called me yesterday morning asking for a minor change in the blind memo we had provided him in answer to the 6 December request from Representative Les Aspin for information on Soviet defense spending. Frank also asked if we could provide him with additional material on this subject for his file. I agreed. Attached is a list of the material provided.

I delivered this package to Frank yesterday afternoon and we discussed the dollar comparisons of US-Soviet defense budgets. Frank feels quite strongly that the Committee must have an updated comparison of the two budgets early in March. He told me that these revised figures would be included in the package on US defense appropriations when it went forward to the Congressional Budget Committee on 15 March. He said he would need the material at least five days before that deadline. Frank said he would be quite willing to have Chairman Price write the Director requesting new dollar comparisons if that was required.

I explained to Frank some of the complexities surrounding our new calculations and said that I would raise the matter with the DDI to see if we could meet his deadline. I also noted that we had other pressures both on the Hill and within the Administration to produce a new study.

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Arrangements for this will be made.

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Frank--

This package contains some things you have received(*) and some you haven't.

- 1) The redone table for the Aspin memo sent down this morning;
- 2) A copy of material provided Aspin on 28 November in response to his request of 6 November. Aspin's request is attached.
- 3) Comment on Schlesinger's statement that dollar costs of Soviet defense programs are almost 50% higher than comparable US outlays; comments on new information which involves our ruble estimates.*
- 4) DCI letter to Senator McClellan commenting on Schlesinger statements.
- 5) Unclassified memo on dollar cost comparisons dated 14 January 1975.*
- 6) Intelligence Report "The Economic Impact of Soviet Military Spending."
- 7) Classified Intelligence Report, "Soviet Spending for Defense: A Dollar Cost Comparison of Soviet and US Defense Activity."
- 8) The DCI's testimony before the Joint Economic Committee 18 June 1975.



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